Losses Suffered by Indian Airlines/Alliance Air due to Foggy Weather

2003. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the magnitude of financial loss to the Indian Airlines/ Alliance Air due to disruption in air traffic becuase of fog during the last winter;

(b) the details of steps initiated/proposed to be initiated for taking care of this problem during this winter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Indian Airlines including Alliance Air had suffered a loss of about Rs. 6.46 crores due to disruption in their air traffic because of fog during last winter.

(b) and (c) In order to minimise disruption due to fog, Category II precision approach and landing system has already been installed and commissioned at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi in February, 1999. Further, it has been decided to upgrade this system to Category IIIA level by November, 2000. In addition, a detailed contingency plan has been drawn by Indian Airlines/Alliance Air to take care of strategic work locations where the passengers of disrupted flights will be handled.

Corporatisation of Hyderabad Airport

2004. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to corporatise the Hyderabad Airport;

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard; and

(c) the progress made for building the new International Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A committee has been set up to examine the need for a new international airport at Hyderabad. its report is awaited.

Expansion of Air Service from Kerala to Gulf Countries

2005. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to Start more services from the Airports at Kerala to Gulf countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will permit foreign Airlines to have Service from Kochi Airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Proposals have been received from Government of Sri Lanka and Government of Oman for increasing services of their designated airlines from Thiruvananthapuram Airport. The Government of UAE and Government of Saudi Arabia have also requested for Thiruvananthapuram as an additional point of call for their designated airlines. Proposals have also been received from the Government of Oman and Government of Saudi Arabia for grant of Kochi as a point of call for their designated airlines.

(c) and (d) So far, Kochi has not been granted as a point of call to any foreign airline. International services are, however, operated out of Cochin Airport by Air India and Indian Airlines.

Facilities to HAJ Pilgrims At Nedumbasseri Airport

2006. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations to declare Nedumbasseri airport as an embarkation point for Haj-2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to enhance facilities of the Haj pilgrims travelling by Air India/Indian Airlines?